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March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Grace Cottage Family Health Primary Care Medical Office Building (Townshend, VT) project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Carlos G. Otis Health Care Center Inc., dba Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital located at 185 Grafton Road, Townshend, VT 05353. The funding would be used for construction of a new primary care clinic to replace a clinic that currently serves about 8,500 Vermonters out of two 19th century homes. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would improve patient access to essential health care services such as primary care, wellness screenings, diagnosis, chronic disease management, mental health care and substance abuse management.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Becca Balint". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "B" and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Becca Balint
Member of Congress